

ORDU R.R. et A.C.

The Testimonies of Frater Finnm Respice,
Imperator of the Templum Stellae Matutinae,

On Matters connected with the alleged Third Order,
the German Rosy Cross and the Business of his Temple.

Transcribed 1915.

(Title of Post 8vo half morocco bound notebook in the hand of A.E. Waite)

Abstract of text: Meetings with F.R. at dates given.

1. Nov. 1906

1. S.D.A. survived some years after her alleged death. S.A. hoodwinked to the extent of believing this.
2. Niece of S.D.A. still alive, living mostly in Munich. She is also an occultist
3. S.D.A. had influence with 3rd Order to extent of exercising control over its relations with D.D.C.F.
4. Karl Kieswetter (Rosicrucian library described in 1'Initiation) died in 1895
5. F.R. obtained key to cipher mss. by occult means via 3rd Order.
6. - 8. 3rd Order recognised no body not recognising it; knew of Independent & Rectified Rite, not keen to have it approached; decided that it might do so.
9. If I & R.R. recognised, might communicate with both orders but referred back.
10. Appears that F.R. approached M.W.T. and I as he had more on his hands than he could cope with.
11. - 12. A concordat wouldn't be much use to F.R. but unification would; if latter, F.R. would succeed Frater Aryabatha as co-chief.
13. Didn't then mention to F.R. that if unip. did occur his 3rd Order must permit him to become a Mason.
14. F.R. open-minded over concordat v. unification - he suggested the former.
15. Concordat preferable to S.R.
16. F.R. made authorised revision of O=O, 1=10 and 5=6 grades.
17. - 21. F.R. invited Lucem Spera to join his group; L.S. put questions to 3rd order, which questions F.R. did not fully understand (probably re Masonry) nor the answers; L.S. satisfied with answers but didn't join F.R. (Questions may have been re S.C.R. about which F.R. knows nothing.)
22. I told F.R. that our important rituals were Neophyte & Adeptus Minor
23. F.R. said that 3rd Order insisted on inclusion of Zealot grade.
24. F.R. & S.R. agreed that O=O and 5=6 were not essentially work of D.D.C.F.
25. but 3rd Order thought DDCF interpolations in rituals too numerous
26. F.R. claims to have received syllabus of occult knowledge beyond I.A.M. grade
27. plus notes towards 6=5 grade ritual
28. "In reply to my direct question, these include information regarding the Hanged Man"
29. DDCF received communications forming basis of 5=6 grade
30. " supposed to be practising Black Magic; 3rd Order look on him kindly but warily, consider him not beyond redemption.
31. F.R. communicates with 3rd Order by performing ceremonies in a secret room in his house; answers to his questions come by letter in 3 or 4 days.
32. 3rd order reach him by being seen astrally and communicating what they wish (occurs anywhere)
33. Third method: F.R. sometimes writes via an intermediary in London. Letters reposted by interm. (who is an occultist) - replies take 7 to 8 days.

34. German adept whose name SR should know, is member of oldest R.C. Order .
F.R. has not permission to give me his name.
35. Rosicr. mss. of Kieswetter's grandfather not yet dispersed.
37. - 39. Sub Spa has no key to cipher ms. but would like one; Sub Spa's Order of Sun mss. came into hands of Alta Peto who lent them to Sub Spa who did not return them saying A.P. had no right to them whereas he was in communication with the Order and had been received in.

II. Nov. 16, 1906 (From here on numbered paragraphs omitted by R.G. Feb.'76)

MWT also present.

Concerned 3rd Order answers to questions (a) as to F.R. becoming a Mason should unification occur, (b) share of both branches in further knowledge from 3rd Order. S.R./MWT not impressed by F.R.'s comm. from 3rd Order - e.g. revised rituals to be set side by side with originals for members (c.f. Sub Spa's "revised rituals for study only") MWT said he would answer as to truth of anything regarding Hanged Man. "FR held that it represented the position of Christ when he fell in carrying the cross up the hill of Mount Calvary. He thought otherwise that it referred to the Passion" "This is only a half truth which our interpretation includes implicitly, as the greater includes the lesser (SR)"

III. Meeting with Sapere Aude. Dec. 15th, 1906

SDAs address not on cipher mss but on other papers. SA hopes to obtain Rosicrucian mss. from an acquaintance of Theodor Reuss who is supposed to have been a "Ros. of the Old School" SR thought this referred to Kieswetter but was told no. Mathers sent 5-6 grad- from France, obtained partly by his wife's clairvoyance. Kenneth McKenzie related to someone holding office at Grand Lodge, and R.W. Little obtained papers concerning Ros. connections with FM from G.Lodge by connivance of this person; from papers Little arranged ritual of Red Cross of Rome & Constantine. A rumour of this abstraction of mss. led to trouble.

IV. Meeting with S.A. on August 10, 1908

(Brought about by S.A.'s fear of Crowley's exposing him with ref. to cipher mss.
SA wrote to Waite, as did Gardner)

A.C. presently living at 21 Warwick Rd, S.W. Writing to S.A. from Paris. Mathers in country, some 40 miles from Paris. A.C. claims to be a mason but not known under what jurisdiction, poss. bogus claim to mislead S.A. AC aims to frighten SA into placing cipher mss. in British Mus. where AC can copy them. Claims people have been cheated and he is ending the deception. Sent SA copy of leaf from book upbraiding SA for GD connections and calling SR "the traducer of the noble Eliphas Levi" Old address at which "AC orgies took place" was 11 Chancery Lane. Many letters from AC to SA - dealt with in his absence by "adbury Jones. AC's family brewers of C. Alton Ales; AC called himself Lord of his farm estate in Scotland. SA described Fr. Aryabartha as collecting grades, enjoying chairing, talking of but not lending his books - contrary to SR's experience who felt this better described SA. Fr.A. exposed Hermetic Brotherhood of Luxor under pressure from Pattinson. Sat Bahai invented by Archer. Pattinson's Order of Light combination of Sat Bahai and others - SA thinks highly of it. SA has Eliphas Levi ms. "Le Livre des Sages" 1870 (same period as Gates of Light), also has ms of coloured diagrams only. SA consents to former being announced for Hermetic Text Society pubn. Trans. of Soc. Ros. Northern Coll. obtainable & interesting says SA, also one complete set of Met. Coll. Trans. available. SA thinks Woodman the greatest Hebrew scholar he knows; Woodford showed him SDAs address on a loose slip of paper - not among others.

IV (Cont.) Mathers not the intermediary. SA has a number of curious men. SA considers printed document issued by Second Order Council at time of Mathers expulsion as defamatory to SA although not so intended. Didn't he AC had been at Cambridge but thought he was warned to leave. AC has obtained much correspondence and perhaps other papers from McKenzie's wife's estate. SA always talked on Hermetic subjects with Woodford. SA says ciphers of Chymical Marriage decode into German - he has interwritten them in my book (i.e. R.H.R.) but it comes to nothing. Palladium of Sat Bahai came from an Indian Temple, as did the alleged mysterious ribbon.

V Meeting with Sub Spe at his Office on February 12, 1910

(Concerning infringement of copyright over Order rituals by AC)

Simpkin Marshall (as pub. of Equinox) have legal dept. and would fight any action. Bringing copyright action could be expensive unless successful. If writ could not be served on A.C. then threat of prosecution to publishers might delay delivery of next Equinox (said by SR) Seems printers (Ballantyne) might be glad of excuse to stop ptg. Eq. - from course taken by Regnum Dei.

AC: Sub Spe doesn't think he would go into witness box; no-one knows where he is living; living again with his wife as the divorce was due to collusion with aim of getting money from Kelly. SR dubious about this as £1000 p.a. comes from ACs mother and money from Kelly to his wife. Scottish court investigating poss. of collusion. If a writ is served would need £25-50 paid in bank as prosecutor (DDCF) lives abroad, so DDCF will visit England, staying with a woman friend to have an address. SS has told DDCF to be in England by March 1. Resurgam will have nothing to do with the action as he could show no interest in the copyright. R. suggests that alexisiting Temples should recognise DDCF as titular head while remaining autonomous, also invited SS to be chief in R.s temple; SS will join but not accept post of chief. SS admitted he is chief of S.M. Inner Branch but it seems there are Wardens with titles as in Outer Order; he himself is Theoricus, very keen for "further knowledge". Said Vestigia became 6=5 ten years ago but hadn't qualified. Vestigia said she went through a ceremony but Vigilante says this was not so. SS says he has heard from Vest. and she is ready for 7=4, so he has been in touch with DDCF. SS says only one side of case against DDCF was heard but at the time he agreed with expulsion and joined council to manage Order - probably DDCF and SS have been working to get Temples back under one head (DDCF titular and SS acting head in Britain). SS says anyone can be a mystic but one must be born an occultist or magician - I think that those who follow the Divine Path attain God while those who follow the path of perdition go easily to the devil. SR told SS that DDCF had nothing for his Temple.

Resurgam knows of other London Temples but is confused. Thinks that S.Keels(?) has temple at Acton with which SR is connected but not as head. SR doubts SS's word over this. SS talked as if many people (i.e. his members) had 6=5 and stressed the 7=4, speaking as if he knew SRs higher degrees and saw them as not the real thing. The talk was cordial save for SS manner. SS said he refused to tell Resurgam about Temples he knew of. SR thought FR would jump at Titular head idea; suspects SS may be Inner Warden of FRs branch, thus voiding concordat, FR says SS is Praemonstrator of Outer Grade, SR suspecting he may hold this position in the Inner. Not clear from what SS actually said whether this was so. SS said SA held full 6=5 but 7=4 only in honorary way. To serve writ on AC they will use a "safe woman" to act as inquirer into C.s AA and carry the writ with her.

(Addendum: "I took care that my Temple contributed nothing to the expenses of DDCF in respect of his suit which was duly lost" Something came from Resurgam and prob. FRs group. See correspondence (esp. SS to FR Dec 13 & 16 1909; RR to Ballantyne, Hanson - re Alta Peto)

VI From undated letter received Feb. 12, 1910. (Written by SS - prob. shown to SR in confidence. Recipient and writer not given)

Resurgam asked SS if he still belonged to any branch, urged him to join his Temple and become a chief, offering him all the advanced mss. so far as they had them. SS said it needed great consideration (although he had already consented to join) Resurgam working for 7=4 but not yet there - could assure SS that only DDCF held the 7=4. R understood that SR had a temple at Acton but being merely a literary man it counted for nothing. Also temple of one S. Keels, and another unnamed (SS's ?) DDCF keen for recognition as sole source of advanced knowledge - but allows autonomy.

VII Meeting with FR on February 19th 1910.

Hears that Resurgam works for 7=4 (prob. told by SS). Does not know that SS has joined R. Temple under DDCF, thinks he is still reflecting on FR's proposal. This last confirmed over telephone to SR by "Nobis est Victoria, speaking on the square" Heard of astrological knowledge issued by DDCF for 6=5 and 7=4, concerned somehow with fixed stars Aldebaran and Fomalhaut and others. (Gives details) FR giving up much by renouncing this knowledge; but he thinks DDCF has nothing we could not get elsewhere.. SR said that DDCF had long since ceased to have any connection with 3rd order so his knowledge of no value. FR writing to SS to offer choice between him or Resurgam - with concordat in former case, but he sees that SS may be out for supremacy over all temples in Britain with DDCF as titular head. FR has seen Mrs. St. John's £1400 opal, once in Spanish then French crowns. Mrs. St. J. advised to make it an offering to Our Lady at some shrine or other as it belongs to Our Lady. Claimed to be unlucky in unlawful possession by Indian clairvoyant. FR thinks psychic opinions are being obtained to enhance its value.

VIII Meeting with Soror Fortiter et Recte on March 12th 1910. (Soror Vigilante present)

DDCF first mentioned order to Fortiter about March 1898. She took "euphyte grade" at Vestigia's studios in Fitzroy St. in December 1899, present was Count Guine. 1=10 and 2=9 in sitting room at Fitzroy St. Historical and Pillar lectures given to her but not allowed to be copied. "given with no orders" Didn't see it again until Clifton St. days when note about Woodman's death was added. Second Order Hist. lecture was also not to be copied. Enochian Tablets lecture given to Philosophi. Tattwas lecture not intended for the order. Perhaps Fortiter put it into circulation when she gained important position. 5=6 grade before 2nd Order completed; SA showed Fortiter single sheet with diagram of Crucis Ansatae over altar for the grade. Told by SA that much difficulty had in translating 5=6 grade cipher being in alternate lines of French, English and Latin (thus no translation needed !!) There was "red ink" on the sheet but SA did not say it was copy of cipher. At 5=6 grade DDCF told Fortiter that there were people above him. She knew Inner Order was under way. Took 5=6 degree at Thavie's Inn, no roof on vault and paint on Crook and Scourge still wet. Fortiter first to take 5=6.

DDCF, VNR and SA took obligation from each other. All arrangements of both orders were in confusion. F. had Hexagram and Pentagram lectures at Florence soon after with list of 2nd Order examinations. F. then went to Venice where Vestigia stayed with her. Had changed and developed Mania - told F. that they were mixed up in politics as would she be also. Weren't explicit about political work. Sub Spe came on scene about this time. DDCF hadn't been to Paris when F. took 5=6. F. took it early in 1891. Her first payment to Vestigia as an art-student was made March 17, 1891. Second payment on June 29, 1891 after which DDCF joined V. in Paris.

IX Meeting with FR on March 25, 1910

There is temple under DDCF at Middlesboro' called AD - name given by DDCF to GD after Horos scandal. Harley St. doctor setting up temple in London under DDCF. Not connected with Resurgam. DDCF dissuaded from appealing over his lost copyright action; he returns soon to Paris.

Great secret FR had from SA is: (1) Persons aiming to revive G.D. were SA, Wroodman and Woodford. (2) DDCF co-opted later to work up rituals (3) Ciphers came first to Woodford. SR asked FR, on his masonic honour, whether he was led to believe that the ciphers were forged - he said not. SR recited his own grounds for suspicion over ciphers: (1) Reference to Ritual of Dead (2) to Rose of Creation & thug to E. Levi (3) familiarity with Book of Dead, inferred from ritual of Path of 'au. Lawyer Cran talks of action against AC for libel in 'quinox and contempt of court in reporting decision - absurd as no libel and report is factual.

X Meeting with FR on April 11th, 1910

FR said CRC real person and he hoped to obtain certificates of birth and death to identify him, such certificates being kept in monasteries at the time. Hoped too to find the vault of CRC. Claimed that SR was being guided in framing rituals for recon. order, and that FR's office was to keep SR on earth so that he doesn't rise too far - which is SR's danger whereas FR's is an over leaning to material & occult sides.

XI Meeting with FR June 10, 1910

FR had two letters from SA (about June 1st & 7th). SA had heard from DDCF who had offered to withdraw charges against SA, thus making SA think he could action DDCF for libel, this being a confession of guilt! With letter was translation (or copy) of document:

‡ January 25, 1888

To the Frater Non Omnia Moriar

I authorise you to sign my motto "Sapiens Dom Astris" to any papers which are necessary to carry out my wishes as to forming temples and carrying on the work of the Order.

Faithfully yours,

Sap Dom Ast

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Sent to FR after asking for information as to warrant under which SA began to work. Letter with it referred to warrant of Isis-Urania - claimed by DDCF to have been forged. (Not in fact so. SR) FR said DDCF's charges were forging letters & signatures of SDA and forging the warrant. Letter quoted supposed to justify all existing signatures, but SR knows only of those on old rolls. FR has original I-U warrant, allegedly from 3rd order but prob. from SS who could have obtained it at the time of the split. SA had referred an acquaintance of AC who wished to join the Ros. Order to FR; she called on FR who "treated her rather brusquely" - she seems to be wealthy. SR thinks that the SDA letter is spurious being uncharacteristic of a high adept.

SS is in comm. with DDCF and has received papers (prob. Theoricus stuff) which are promised to FR - but FR seems aware of the risks of going in with SS and thus being under him. DDCF claims to have 3rd order material but FR doesn't believe this, nor that DDCF has met 3rd order people in the flesh (whereas FR claims to have).

XII Notes of meeting with FR August 1st, 1910

Concordat. FR would be sorry if it were terminated. He says that there are no co-equal chiefs with him in his Second Order and no chiefs who are not co-equal. Thought that NEV's contradiction of this due to NEV being Cancellarius in Outer Order and thinking he was thus a chief in the Inner. FR showed SR a pledge of two neophytes received into his branch last Saturday accepting FR as sole guide - but it is irrelevant to 2nd Order headship. FR has held no Inner meetings, save ceremonies, has never organised 2nd Order and has no constitution; has acted on his own responsibility and accepted whatever candidates he chose. FR read out letter from NEV showing latter's dissatisfaction, due says FR to his being nervous over reunion of SS and DDCF. Should that occur, FR would enforce SS retiring from St.Mat. FR showed SR. typed notes with signatures of SS and NEV saying that the concordat was solely FR's responsibility - this would support idea of single headship but why sign it if they held no official position? Prob. SS believes he holds same position as pre-split, but NEV never held office save that of Scribe when General meeting at MMH had division proposed by SR.

XIII Meeting with FR October 14th 1910

SR had talk with SA at Sec. Ros. meeting on 13th. SA said that SS was planning to restore Amen-Ra Temple at Edinburgh which SA thinks will not be under DDCF (though SR disagrees) - SS asked SA for original Consecration ceremony used for first Amen-Ra but SA says he hasn't got it.

FR had seen SS at Rebman's but nothing was said on the above. FR knows of SS intentions and has written saying that anyone joining a Temple under DDCF must resign from the St.Mat. - including SS, but he may not see it that way. SS has asked FR for loan or gift of Amen Ra robes & properties; these had been given by SS earlier. FR will give them to him. Kata Moffat & W. Carnegie Dickson are keen to join the new Amen-Ra, both surprised that this would mean resigning from St.Mat. But FR would take FFJ back once he finds out how things are in Amen Ra. Ex Oriente Lux (Heakin) tells FR that he has heard that AC has been warned by police to be out of England by Oct.15. (SR sceptical). FR says AC stole G-5 and 7-4 rituals from DDCF and will publish them in Equinox. (SR sceptical of this - thinks they are invented ones of AC)

SS has been to Oberammergau and on way via Paris saw DDCF - nothing said about it. In Germany, FR met Fraulein Anna Sprengel, c 65, supposedly niece of original and a patient of FR (treated at a distance) FR thinks Anna Sprengel may be name used by different people not related for occult reasons (one at a time). Meeting either in Amsterdam or Berlin, where SA was at time, but FR couldn't arrange meeting because QL (Mrs.F) wouldn't let FR out of her sight - SA saw her and wouldn't go for SDA meeting on account of Mrs. Westcott (Presumably Mrs. W. & QL did not mix well +RG) In the same way QL's presence stopped FR meeting 3rd Order people. By having to postpone Saturday meeting to Monday, FR lost chance of meeting those from whom he would have got Kieswetter mss. But he did, allegedly, meet some mysterious people.

News from 3rd order is: Old retired London clergyman belongs to conclave in question FR has his name and address. Another name and address were given him, but he is to wait until approached by this person. FR was believed by 3rd Order to be involved with AC. Other info. from 3rd order hindered by presence of QL.

Alleged by others (not 3rd order) that original GQ (pre 1875) still exists in London - once included DDCF, SA & Papus. They have true cipher ms. that of DDCF being an imperfect copy "improved" by him, and arranged to fall into hands of Woodford. (SR says that this implies DDCF being deliberately after imposture because of faked watermark of 1809) Perhaps this is astral information.

being the book copied by CMC in Arabia

XIII (Cont.) // FR maintains that there is Vatican ms. Being the first matter of Rosicrucianism, also another Vatican ms. stolen and now in London. FR hopes to locate site of Dancar. He missed Equinox meeting of GN being fog-bound back from America. In his place CDL acted as Imperator and told people that FR was sole head in London, also that concordat was his sole responsibility. FR thought 3rd Order was magical which SR believed did not make for Divine Union. They agreed to differ over the question of the Way.

XIV Meeting with FR December 12, 1910

One Frink, a theosophist of Amsterdam, claims to know SR, publisher of TSoc. there is Ginzler. TSoc people & 3rd order object to SR revising rituals, because they feel nothing Rosicrucian should be printed (nor had been on their part). GD rituals thus not Ros. SR pointed out that English GD was no concern of theirs; they agreed so but said they did authorize GD. One original pre-1885 member was East and clergyman mentioned in Life of Anna K. (later edition only) - members included HPB, SA, Papus, Anna Kingsford & Maitland. Original GD cipher in Brit. Mus. 5=6 ritual sent to DDCF by Belgian doctor at Liège. There is a Hungarian Count claiming to be St. Germain and to have the elixir who is to visit London; he writes to Mrs. Drummond. Order now carried on under another name, & known to FR. Woodford's mss including address of SDA were Ros. not GD; orig. GD had no German connection. 3rd order works Outer Temple in Germany on GD & Sephirothic lines. Thus SDA neither did nor could licence a temple! Story of how DDCF got 5=6 ritual told independently by DDCF to SS and by SA to FR. If true cipher is in BM, which is copy of which? And from which did DDCF make his imperfect & dishonest copy?

XV Meeting with FR December 23, 1910

SS claims that I do not possess the 6=5 and 7=4 rituals on the basis of his testing me. He alleges that I told him I did not know about the Tarot Trumps. These statements are untrue. When SS & wife went to Paris they were met by DDCF & V and given dinner and a concert. DDCF lives near Paris and carries out German (military) tactics on a large table. SS made honorary 7=4 but hasn't had the 6=5 or 7=4 rituals but has received 60-70 pages of Theoricus stuff. Has held first meeting of revived AmenRa, Kate Moffat present (see photocopy of members list RG) Mrs. Brodie-Innes has resigned from St. Mat., SS not yet. SS has received alleged outer order signs given by outer members (?) to 6=5 members. Differ entirely from ordinary signs. What does this mean? SS under DDCF although he denies it. Grasch people have started Temple independent of Rosaryon - paying 21/- of each entrance fee to DDCF. When in London SS attended a Reception at Rosaryon's house, allegedly worked well but cf. what said by Soror Mystica. FR affirms his determination to have nothing to do with DDCF - as becomes him with regard to German 3rd order who have severed links with DDCF. Position is: DDCF alleges links with a 3rd Order but he lied; FR has succeeded in his links, but perhaps the two 3rd orders are not the same? BUT: Up to recent times no German sequence of rites worked on a sephirothic system. SOAs grade of 7=4 should have been, on 1777 ritual basis, - 7,3. FR says there are several German external temples; the Second Order begins with a ritual corresponding to 5=6, it has six steps or degrees. In 3rd Order is nothing beyond 8=3 (SR says this is Death) The 5=6 used by DDCF is not correct. FR does not know how original GD people got cipher or how it came to be in BM; they have no 2nd or 3rd Order. 5=6 sent to DDCF by Dr. Thiessen of Liège who died in 1909. FR did not know why the DDCF cipher copy was supposed to be fraudulent. But DDCF's fraud was in using 1809 watermarked paper. On basis of March 25 statements of SA and FR. Either Woodford, QSN & SA gave DDCF the ritual to work up in which case he didn't produce them. If this is not true, SA has lied to SR. If DDCF showed rituals to the three who asked him to work them up then again SA has lied to SR.

XV(Cont.) FRs statements mean that DDCF has faked all second order papers unless others came from Thiessen. FR has seen warrants etc. signed by SDA
FRs American trip on account of EOLs claim about Graal. He has entered something and got further than EOL - more later.
FR has heard from London 3rd Order person - meeting difficult, person lives in a "distant part of London" Hindered in meeting by QA (meaning QL ? RG) Now FR says DDCF not in original GQ but SA was - if true, SA has lied to FR and SR. If FR has found original GO society in London then Amsterdam Theosophists are telling truth. No 3rd Order in America but in Germany at Nuremberg and somewhere near source of Danube.

XVI (see photocopy)

XVII Meeting with FR March 16, 1911.

Original GO assembles at Vegetarian Restaurant of Eustace Miles then goes to another place. EOL gone to Cairo, largely on Bahai business, but has had 3rd Order papers on Tree of Life. These to be transcribed and shown to SR.

XVIII Meeting with FR July 24, 1911

FR had been to SDC.Ros. study group to hear about Egyptian things. There he was asked by SA what he had done about Mrs. Hartleben when it transpired that she had been referred to SR by Cudbury Jones instead of to ER - which made ER "utterly sick" SA brought in Cudbury Jones but what was said is not known.

FR says Mrs.H. in 2nd Order in Paris by communication under promise of 8=3. Her husband transcribed occult ms. in a Paris library, but lost the first copy by occult means. Mrs.H. will tell of this to heads of Order in secret as said in letter to SR. This news came either astrally or via C-Jones in which case Mrs.H. had been talking outside the Order. FR disgusted by way SA discussed GO with C-Jones and Songhurst. FR intends to hypnotise Mrs.H. to gain information - SR will not allow this - allegedly for info. on DDCF but prob. after the occult ms. Mrs.H. allegedly obsessed by a serpent (astral) after transcribing of ms. SA also wants to know. SR opposed to giving SA any information.

XIX Meeting with FR July 31, 1911

FR now says had hardly heard of Mrs.H. up to SA & C-Jones episode, but may have heard of her from A.P.S. The serpent was good and she didn't mind it but "some of her obsessions are dreadful" due to the occult ms. or to treatment by DDCF which was "bad". Mrs.H. connected with DDCF during Miss Major & Bennett period. Bennett made relics genuinely but of small size. Bennett fled from Paris at end of Ruby period on account of killing someone (with DDCF ?) in the Bois de Boulogne. Mrs.H. must tell her story to a male member of the order. SA & Jones meeting at University College where Petrie relics were shown by Mrs. Aitken to whom SA talked openly of working, she saying she didn't "work" any more.
EOL may get professorship of history at Southampton on return. Now in Constantinople Will get 1st degree of German Ros. initiation from the 3rd order at end of August. SA didn't know identity of "English clergyman" referred to before - suggested it may be Aryabartha; thus story seems to be apocryphal. FR trying to get written statement from his 3rd Order that DDCF was never connected with them - they hedge.

XX Meeting with EOL at house of FR Sept.15, 1911

3rd Order will allow EOL to talk to SR on some things as they know of SR. EOL at Grade corresponding to Tiphereth. System is ascent of Tree by Middle Pillar. Grades are Malkuth, Yesod and Tiphereth.

XX(Cont.) Following grades are Oath & Kether or (if direct line abandoned) Geburah & Chesed. Rituals revised following leaks in France c 1840. EOL heard terms like Malkuth & Yesod in ceremonies. The rituals have become more Masonic and are removing those things leading to lower Magia, thus paralleling changes made in England by SR. Due to the same pressures. 3rd order aim at reducing ritual. EOL has met Steiner & trusts him but says he veils things. There was a leakage in 1777. EOL told of old Passwords etc. Says he met over 1,000 claimed Rosicrucians, but only 100 genuine.

Addendo: (a) EOL saw no vault or postos. Grades are mainly Christian, officers' clothing like that of Royal Arch, Masonic postulants preferred. They regard English badge as derived from external Temple. DDCF had mas.

XXI Meeting with EOL & FR Sept. 25th 1911

German Brotherhood does not wish for jurisdiction over English temples. EOL named FR & SR Temples, plus Edinburgh and Resurgam. EOL's initiation took 3 hours but in full would have been 26 hrs. Despite FRs wish to have SR shown that the 3rd Order existed and was ancient, SR said that all EOL could do was describe the initiation he had received in Germany via FR. Words "Rosy Cross" come from Rosa and Tau, which is Provencal for Rose, or they were Ros-Taw, i.e. Dew of the Rose (but no Provencal connection shown)

The one Head Lodge meets when required in various places Inner Good people start temples in various countries - members are largely German but also French, English, Danish, Austrian, Italian & Russian. As original Inner members died out some temples were left to die away, others became purely outer. No set archives. Link between Head Lodge and others by "etheric currents", occult practices depending for success on such currents and on its good intent. DDCF thought of in France as simple impostor. Members, largely fourth degree & equivalent to 6=5, called together hurriedly for EOL's initiation, which was a shortened form of 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ degrees; third like Tiphereth using our implements, fourth something like Geburah apparently involved coming out of a tomb. They divide Annie Besant's 33 degrees into 9 because 33 was a blunder for 3x3=9 (which says little for their occult knowledge). EOL says SRs folding Ros. diagram correct but they have Zealot equal to Malkuth (he thinks) and Theoricus, Practicus & Philosophus are put together in No.2 as a portal to no.3 - all very muddled. EOL thinks they don't keep minutes, not needing them being occultists. Their promised teaching is a kind of marriage of occultism & Mysticism. If they are genuinely old it would be fine to have material not had by SA. 3rd grade has no vault but mise-en-scene provided astrally; ritual was in a small chamber but EOL was hoodwinked and moved about often so had no idea of size. At one point he had impression of being thrown down but only a short fall.

XXII Meeting with FR Sept. 26, 1911

EOL chose to take a year's exercises rather than immediate initiation. FR saw 3rd order man & his daughter in Hanover after postal comm. in London. Nothing then as he wasn't a mason but once he was went again to Berlin & Amsterdam. Then took Maekin (EOL) to Germany with previous result. EOL had final preparation of 14 hrs. with 20 min. break. EOL then took proposals from German 3rd order to FR who turned them down. FR asked SR to join him and go to Germany for initiation. - the year's probation not being needed for SR. SR would get the true initiation. But SR said his members were of different calibre from FRs "babes" and would need evidence of 3rd order. FR thought 7 or 8 of his people could be linked up in the chain. Would call one morning at P.R. (Ponyvern Rd. 7 RG) to give facts to Vigilante. Didn't want to tell MWT personally. Germans say SDA story (i.e. Woodford & SA) true but will send no more warrants as they have been lost. They recognise I-U which is in FRs hands.

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XXII(cont.) No temporal password given to external temples but a word goes etheric/Novitiate exercises very simple. DDCF thought in France to be a worse impostor than Comte de Setlac exposed by Laura Finch. Nothing ever went from Germany to DDCF. In answer to SR, FR thought that entering chain didn't involve risk of astral control. Since no connection between German brotherhood and Cipher mss. SDA had no power to warrant a Temple working non-German order degrees. FR has met the London 3rd order person who has only the 3rd degree now held by EOL. SS gave password to FR received from DDCF. If Dickson leaves SS, FR will give him a warrant and receive Mrs.D and one Smart into the 2nd order. DDCF charges 1,000 Francs for admission to his Paris Temple. FR stressed he would always pass on what he knew as agreed in concordat. After leaving FR, SR saw QL who asked his opinion of EOLs proposals - SR said his people would want evidence. SR suspects that FR is concealing part of his plan, (Statement re SDAs mss may be fraud on part of Germans - the watermark question shows it all up)

XXIII Meeting with FR Oct. 9, 1911

SR met FR at Sancta Maria Preceptory and they went part of the way home together. Conditions (preparation for entrance) must be met before anyone can enter German Brotherhood. FR would make everything clear to SRs people. Sur of FRs put up for entrance into German Br. If SR joined he cut put forward his own candidates. Must join the single Head Lodge - no subcriptions mentioned. Meets twice a year, lately at Genoa soon at Prague. FR will send photo. of cipher mss. page to Germans though it doesn't concern them. SR would wish to bring in (should anything come of it all) MUT, Regnum Dei and Vigilata. Connection of SRs temple depends on nature and objects of German order. FR still awaits papers, London agent not yet authorised to give him any.

XXIV Meeting with FR October 12, 1911

FR called on SR and Vigilata unexpectedly bringing curious pack of Tarot Trumps. SR could only identify three of them - Sun, Moon, possibly Venus & the Hermit. Also brought various Saphirotic Trees, redrawn from rough sketches of EOL. One with GD attributions may have been "improved" by FR. FR knew nothing of the Trumps. Dickson saw SA when returning papers to him and mentioned when he warrant received by DDCF (signed by DDCF). SS said it was the original, SA said it was a fraud. Dickson has sworn not to work under DDCF. The German Br. has reps. in various countries who bring postulants to Head Lodge.

XXV Meeting with EOL November 10, 1911

German fraternity only 10 or 11 years old. Prob. connects with ancient orgs. as do English Temples. Has no early archives. EOL showed SR Tarot cards made by him to order attributions. Showed Saphirotic in form of cubes made from numbers derived from the ~~xxxxxxxx~~ letters of the Saphirotic names; also series of figures allocated to Tarots derived from magical squares of planets. Advised SR against going to Germany as he would have to wait years for each grade. EOL has taken pledges, and is under obedience of German Br. FR taken no pledges. The probationary processes produce equilibrium; Tattoos used in Germany but not (he thinks) Enochian system. Colour systems used. Aim was to read Akasic records. SR asked, and EOL agreed that final aim was Divine Union. EOL spoke of some German Br. ad Holy Men; thought occult practices wouldn't hinder Divine Union. (SR is sure old grade sequence abandoned) EOL sure that German 3rd degree is our S=6 in some form. He spoke of the tomb (and thus 6=5) but may have meant the vault, though the Temple itself is seen as the v. EOL interested in historical side but not other German brethren. FR only can give out knowledge from Germany. Candidates of S=6 grad would have to be instructed by FR.

XXXIII Meeting with FR June 11, 1912

FR brought letter from SA with copy of cipher letter from Liege adept to SA. Cipher was GD, signature was Lux ex Tenebris. Letter said SA shouldn't fear as DDCF was cut off from communication, no date or address but SA says he has dated envelope. SR said this went against German claim that DDCF had never had dealings with them. FR said Liege Doctor acted on his own. Letter dated about time of first split in GD. Cadbury Jones is executor of SA but SR said he must put intentions into writing regarding safe deposit. By arrangement with QV, SR mentioned guardedly that FRs portal ritual was changed; reminded FR that he had said Paroketh veil should be shown in Temple. FR did not remember, but "changed colour very much, getting his white and old look". FR said change was to conform with German sequence but refused to show ritual to SR as he didn't accept the Germans. SR said he still had open mind but needed evidence, should see FRs ritual under pledge of secrecy - FR to think about this.

XXXIII(sic) Meeting with FR August 1st, 1912

FR and QL visited on their journey: Cologne, Ulm, Stuttgart, Munich, Vienna, Passau, Regensburg, Nuremberg and Berlin. Both received into 4 grades & something said quietly to FR alone so that others, inc. QL should not hear. (SR couldn't see how unless they were deaf) QL is as consequence a Master Mason! 4th Grade corr. to Master Mason and our 6=5. 1st Grad is Entered Apprentice and grades 0=0 to 4=7; thus 3rd grade prob. 5=6 and Fellow Craft. 3rd grade has trial by 4 elements or corr. with Neophyte. What of 2nd grade? Pres. Portal. Although shortened, ceremonies took 5½ hours. FR is now, says SR, pledged to secrecy over this affair. QLs presence hindered FR. 4th grade: candidate given 3 blows by persons rep. (a) WM, SM & JM (b) Hierophant, Hieres & Hegemon (c) Ormuzd, Ahriman and Lucifer. After struck down, candidate placed in coffin which is screwed down. Organ plays, loud voices; brought out, sees fire then darkness and he is alone. Then sufficient light for him to see he is alone; glass for reflection in front of him. FR received 5th and part of 6th degrees, QL didn't. 5th degree (like our 7=4) is that of Teaching Adept. Candidate placed in coffin, taken into vault, then brought out so that all can see it is empty, then candidate shown at a height above people as risen adept. Chief Adept higher again in cloud of incense which is driven away and celebrant revealed. Gives T.Ad. warrant to candidate. Both FR and QL preferred their own degrees. Nothing is put in writing. SR thinks rituals modern because of Akasic records ref. FR admits revised c 1900. FR agreed that Steiner's manner might not be liked; Steiner is uncouth, not so pleasant as DDCF, after power and has great occult power. FR saw three temples, only one purely Ros. One had crucifix and Lords Supper + Madonna on walls. Here go German Theos. who want Steiner knowledge - when they go further enter another room and have 1st grade. These must be Steiner creations, being German T.S. places save the one purely Ros. On Ros. matters Steiner under direction of inner group, through whom pres. he was initiated. Doesn't fit S. claims to be overshadowed by Christ and CRC or are these claims made only by others? All this contradicts FRs story of one Head Lodge. Reincarnation of CRC to take place between 1936 and 1950 (so much for Count Razocski!) Germans demonstrated clairvoyance to FR, describing SS to him. Both FR and QL felt a presence during their receptions, people were excellent, FR and QL seem to have benefited. They called DDCF a paid clerk of SA, Woodford & QSN. DDCF has manufactured 6=5 and 7=6 which SS has & one of them is 40pp long. Thes Germans correct about higher grades FR asked by SS whether he would bring SM temple under DDCF. FR still doesn't know how Woodford came by cipher mes. or when he parted with them. FR thinks Egyptian elements due to DDCF, but SR pointed out that may be so with 5=6 but if with other lower grades then DDCF must have produced the Cipher. Either Germans not clear or FR vague. Germans maintain GD came from worked up rituals of DDCF under the tried

XXXIII(Cont.) Germans also say there was no AC connection at first; both DDCF and DEDI were in other society; DDCF went to Paris, got mss. from Arsenal for 5=6 and worked it up with Vestigia by aid of clairvoyance. DDCF saw "Secret Symbols" in Arsenal. But, says SR, they could have been seen at DM; doubtful story to account for non-English sources other than Germany. Thiessen gave DDCF only obligation upon the ~~+~~ How long has SA had his copies? Info. re grades could have come from Soc. Ros. grades or 1770 grades given by Mackenzie's encyclopaedia. Prob. wrong also over DEDI; may have been SS about whom Vigilante heard in this connection (prob. Jacobite) Germans hopeless over dates. Thiessen allegedly wrote to DDCF first. Lord Lytton was member of now defunct Hanover Lodge. FR says new Theosophical Rosy Cross uses GD rituals taken from Equinox pub. - but could have come from Theos. members of GD. Story of 3 temples and part of 8=3 (6th) grade repeated by FR to QV.

XXXIV Meeting with FR August 13, 1912

5th grade given to FR in whispers, 6th grade account given privately. 2nd grade corr. with Fellow Craft and Portal. Teaching warrant verbal only. 6th grade enables adept to communicate power, via unseen forces with whom he is linked. CRC reinc. from 1939 to 1950. FR hadn't heard of Lalcovich in German Ros. FR will try to find intermediary between Thiessen and DDCF - postmark on envelope to SA is Liege Station so, could have been sent while passing through. Grades in Germany meant to represent ptoressinto manifestation. From unmanifest state, via development in manif. through Lemuria & Atlantis - first circumamb. is done backwards to rep. going back through earlier states. Masonic unclothing rejected by Germans. Thus new idea, as suggested by MWT. Collison in Germany, prob. taking degrees equivalent to what he has in SM.

XXXV & XXXVI See photocopies

XXXVII Meeting with FR October 8, 1912

Smith told to change his Rosicrucian Society to Anthroposophical, he wanted supremacy among English occultists who couldn't thus work with him; tried to get help for building hall but nothing from Germany. Baron Walleen exceeded instructions; Hebold unauthorized. Above from QL.

To stop SS getting hold of SM while FR is away, latter has left letters with Cephas (Peter Birchall) and Quia Separabit? (Miss Childers) - they must refer to SR if SS pretends to have renounced DDCF. Any doubts or new members to come to SR. No 5=6 meetings; FR back from N.Z. for Vernal Equinox of 1913. SR given details of death of EOL, which death was itself painless. SR shown photo. repro. of warrant for Amen Ra given to Dickson by SS - (signed by SA, Vestigia and prob. DDCF in the original) this copy dated 1893, signed by Macgregor Comte de Glenstres, SRMD as 5=6 and DDCF as 7=4. Great show of secrecy made. SS now out of SM Temple for ~~xxx~~ opposing concordat about which he knew. Because of diff. between NEV and FR, latter attached to old Rolls re-typed and signed again with Cephas in place of NEV. Three copies: one with FR, one with SR, one to go to Alpe & Ward, as docs triplicate typed letter signed by FR and SR. Following EOL's death, FR now has many German papers; he may have not been sent them because he may not have been persona grata (as sugg. by Lucem Spero) All these docs. placed in tin trunk at FR's bank; Cephas present Hierophant of outer grades. ...

Laurence Felkin has joined Crowley society; attended evocation of the Phoenix that FR thinks was some kind of Black Mass (SR wonders why) - it included long invocations dancing etc. and operator (not AC himself) stripped tourist and gashed in form of cross; but blood didn't raise phoenix. Ended in failure after 3 hrs. AC wants Laurence to go with his party to Daves.

Heard more of Order of the Grail:

XXXVII(Cont.) Order of Graal: EOL 40th Grand Master, his father was 39th. Dates from King Arthur, had suspension of some 300 years down to days of EOLs grandfather. Three chief grades: Page, Novice, Knight. Also many subsidiary grades. Much occult material but FR says there is nothing special concerning Graal. 3 Magi and during EOLs lifetime, FR was made Senior Magus. (FR had earlier told SR that he was for beyond EOL - but how could this be with EOL as Grand M. ?) No strangers to join unless there are 3 Knights in one family (as when FR joined - being EOL, his father and his half-brother). Since EOLs death Order is in hands of FR. Thus FR is 41st GM but he doesn't wish to be; in which case GM will be a relative of EOLs in Scotland. Had EOL lived he would have made Denis Felkin a page, also would have knighted his Scottish relative, whose name FR wouldn't give to SR. Still wants SR to be the Second Magus. Complicated and difficult rite. In Knighthood grade 3 (or 5 or 7 ?) archangels clothe the candidate. (SR sceptical about whole thing -RG)

XXXVIII Meeting with Henry Brasch (not dated)

(Brasch?)
Brasch into Resurgam temple via Mrs. De Basha some 2 years ago. Both resigned. Founded own Temple after visit by DDCF - came to nothing, so rejoined old Temple B. as Sub Cancellarius, she as Cancellarius. Wardens of Temple are: Imperator - Resurgam; Praemonstratrix - Sub Ops; Cancellarius - Soror Mystica. They already have rebowed many properties as stuff at Cavendish Rooms is verminous. They had 6=5 grade by latter, asked by Resurgam to send £5.5.0 to DDCF; they refused and had insulting letters from DDCF so resigned once more. Prior to this Dr. Parrish resigned he had held 2nd order meetings in a flat. No 2nd order meetings for 2½ years so Brasch hasn't had 5=6. Two medals for 6=5 but no ritual. If neophyte pays 3gns. then 2gns. goes to DDCF. Resurgam up to something with a Nurse Graham brought in by Soror Mystica whom he visited continually. Resurgam has 3 spirit children by an astral intercourse with an affinity. Bro. Brasch talked of Book Amesh, extended by DDCF. For two years has worked on Claviculae Enochi. Worst book is Book of Concourse of Forces; Resurgam gave evidence against Crowley in Looking Glass case. Brasch has seen Faust magical mss. which he has translated partly; Brasch and Mrs. B. both seem to be annoyed at not having offices in Resurgam's lot. Lamen of Chief Adept in 5=6 differs from that of SR. Temple Consecration ritual of DDCF includes obeisance to Isis. Brasch doesn't like Egyptian elements, prefers Christ Life. SR told him how his rituals were on the side of God. SRs order a path of symbolism, hence no knowledge promised. Soror Mystica's maiden name was Smith, daughter of late High Sheriff of Somerset and a Bristolian. Had unhappy marriage, has two children one a son of 28.
Brasch offered loan of German Ros. work to SR and says Thres Globes Lodge lib. has many mss. Told SR much about German Freemasonry, 4th & 5th grades; high grades Christian, derived from Sweden and Zinnendorf. Brasch's Grand Lodge is Kiel in Holstein. Brasch is about 40. Had garbled idea of what Resurgam calls SRs rebellion. SR gave true story and about AC - many scandals put out by Resurgam about SR, Brasch embittered by Mrs. Sheffield. Brasch has had financial difficulties. Very high opinion of Soror Mystica with whom he is going to Australia. May stay there. Hadn't answered past letter of SR because of the return to DDCF. "He is of course not a Gentleman" (!!RG)

XXXIX Meeting with Mr. Meebold May 7th, 1913

Meebold emissary of Steiner, very keen to propagate Steiner views in England. Belongs to Steiner org. known to FR who had opened comm. by writing to Steiner. Thinks FR didn't understand what he saw; FR felt he couldn't carry on his group and appealed to Steiner. Rep. from Germany only those sent by S. to anyone. CRC date is 13th cent. but gained from Akashic records. As long as FR keeps his Order he will get nowhere with Steiner.

XXIX(Cont.) FR is not link between English and German Ros. FRs men. can be bought in Germany by Steiner students - told to SR by a Steinerite member of his own. Meebold says Steiner casts aside old systems, hence math. attributions not from him. Prob. done by ECL. Early in Steiner period, Meebold became Ros. in Rome but broke up order by disputing their knowledge. People concerned emotional but well-meaning and serious. M. says we can get reality by disbanding and joining Steiner. To M. only Steiner possesses truth. M. insisted on reason against emotionalism; also need for inspiration which S. has. (yet SR knows no-one more emotional than Meebold) SR asked if Germans were on point of discovering real tomb of CRC (as claimed by FR) - M. scorned this. SR repeated to M. tale of Steiner's being old school Ros. sent to wean Theos. back to Christianity. Prob. says M. reincarnated Ros. saw in Steiner a person with knowledge. Meebold staying with Mrs. Dalby who has sent Vigilante her resignation, this being imperative. (Insisted on by Steinerites says Per Deus to Vig.) Either Meebold exceeds his instructions or Steiner's statements to SR do not represent his rule. Question of Miss Maryon arises - but prob. not taking instructions from M.

XL Meeting with Mrs. Hartleben (undated)

Told SR story of magical ms. in Bib. Nat. or Arsenal. She said it was copied by ODCF who lost his transcript, which she saw as occult intervention, but he returned an recopied it. At this time he became worse end of 1897 to Spring 1898. Heard story from Nisbet, whom she didn't like (nor his wife - both being members of Paris Temple) She liked Durand and wife. Other Paris member was Charles E. Price of 9, Charterhouse Street. Mrs. H. left Paris in 1898 being then 47.

DID THE STEINER INFLUENCE LEAD TO THE BRAN-UP OF WATTS' 1-U IN 1914 R